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I. George Economou-Stamatis Merkouris Group

1. At a public meeting of the General Council and of the Central Committee of the Greek Union of the United Socialist States of Europe, elections were held for a president and two vice-presidents. At this meeting the journalist Gerasimos Lychnos was elected president, and the lawyers John Papalakis and Nikolaos Evangelopoulos were elected vice-presidents.
2. President Gerasimos Lychnos is a former correspondent for the newspaper Vima, and is one of the most highly educated journalists of Athens. During the occupation, Demetrios Lambrakis entrusted the publication of the Eleftheron Vima to him.
3. N. Evangelopoulos was condemned in 1925, together with others, by a court martial to life imprisonment on the charge that, as an official of KKE, he had worked for the autonomy of Macedonia. After a short time he was "amnestied" and released. Because of his imprisonment he was promoted by KKE to be a member of the Central Committee of KKE. They read him out of the Party, however, on a charge of misappropriation of funds. Since that time he has called himself a Socialist, but he is always involved in some scheme or other to make money. During the occupation and afterwards he belonged to SK-ELD, but he withdrew from that party to join the ASO (Anexartitos Sosialistiki Omas - Independent Socialist Group), to which he still belongs.

II. Dionysios Benetatos-Pontikis Group

4. The Central Committee met on 16 November 1948 and took up the communications received from Paris. Finally the discussion of them was put over to another meeting, and there was discussion of the preparation of a report on the position of ESPE on the Greek question. They exchanged views, and the meeting was adjourned to 21 November 1948. That meeting was not held, but was postponed until 25 November 1948.

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